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WILMINGTON M. E. CONFERENCE

Last week the TRANSCRIPT's report of Conference closed with the announcement of the election of three of the four ministerial delegates to the General Conference. They are Dr. Merritt Hulburd, elected on first ballot, Presiding Elder Smith elected elected on the second ballot, Presiding Elder Barrett elected on third ballot. The fourth delegate was not elected until Saturday morning and is Presiding Elder Corkran who received 77 votes, just enough to elect, being the same vote he received on the first ballot but did not elect because more votes were then cast. The alternates are Revs. V.S. Collins and W. E. Avery. The Lay Conference elected as delegates Mr. W. H. Jackson, of Salisbury, and Prof. W. L. Gooding, of Dover; the alternates are Mr. Thos. J. Truxon and Dr. Geo. F. Jones.

The resolutions favoring the restriction of the episcopal power were very enthusiastically adopted by the Conference which was so unanimous that but one address was made on the subject, that by Rev. V. S. Collins, who introdnced the resolutions. Mr. Collins said in part:

It is not our purpose to cast any reflection on the presiding elders or on any others. It is a question of right as we see it. Our church has grown from a system of superintendents to a board of full-fledged bishops. From meeting houses we have grown to churches and cathedrals. Our book concern is the greatest of its kind in the world. We have organized a splendid missionary society. In every other line have we had progress except in the appointment of pastors to their work.

This change is not a radical one. It casts no reflection on the episcopacy. Appointments are made on facts, and we must get at the facts inside or outside the conference. Extra ter itorial information will not do for the bishops. Neither can they depend altogether on the statistics of the churches.

Of course we know the presiding elders give the bishop most of his information, and I believe, as has been said by a bishop of our church, that few, if any, of the appointments are made without the concurrence of two-thirds of the cabinet. But there is not a law in the church for this method of appointment. Give the presiding elders the say and let the bishop abide by what they say.

We do not want an office that is not backed by the brethren. The Methodist preacher is the most bossed man on earth. We want a show somewhere. Of 210 delegates elected to the General Conference at the fall conferences only 98 were preachers.

IN MEMORIAM

The memorial service for preachers who died during the year was held Saturday afternoon. Rev. Adam Stengle read the memoir of Rev. J. E. Bryan, of Rising Sun and Sylmar, Md. Rev. John L. W. Layfield read a memorial of Rev. John D. Lecates, who was in charge of Madely Church, Wilmington.

John G. Woolly, the temperance advocate, of Chicago, addressed the Saturday night temperance anniversary. Mrs. Ella A. Boole, of New York, also made an address.

THE CONFERENCE ACADEMY.

The board of trustees of the Conference Academy, elected William Saulsbury president, vice Joseph Pyle, deceased, and T. C. Roe secretary, vice C. H. B. Day, also deceased. J. B. Quigg was elected vice president, which position was vacated by Mr. Saulsbury. H. W. Cannon, A. S. Mowbray and George W. Todd were elected members of the board, to fill the vacancies caused by the death of C. H. B. Day, J. E. Bryan and Joseph Pyle.

CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARIES.

The anniversary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was celebrated Friday afternoon. Mrs. C. C. Browne presided and Dr. Hulburd made the address. Veterans' Anniversary was celebrated in the evening, Rev. C. F. Sheppard presiding. Chief Justice Chas. B. Lore, made an address and also Walter H. Thompson.

CONFERENCE SUNDAY.

Dover was thronged with visitors on Sunday to attend the services of Conference Sunday. Wesley Church was full to overflowing an hour before service time, so that the doors had to be locked to prevent a crush. Bishop Warren preached from the text found in Ephesians 3d chapter and 14th verse. Rev. A. S. Mowbray assisted the Bishop in the ordination service. Rev. Dr. C. H. Payne Secretary of the board of Education, preached in the afternoon.

STATISICAL REPORT.

The statistical reports of the Conference were read on Monday—Rev. R. H. Mowbray, Statiscial Secretary, reported the follow interesting figures:

Probationary members, 5.759; full members, 36,577; local preachers, 121; deaths, 522; children baptized, 2.504; adults baptized, 278; Sunday-Schools, 392; officers and teachers, 6,342; pupils, 44,397; churches, 388; value, $1,578.250; parsonages, 134; value, $274,250; paid for building and improvements, $36.-290; paid on old indebtedness, $21,427; present indebtdness, $108,048: Epworth League chapters, 149; members, 8.592; pastors' salaries and house rent paid, $135,280; for presiding elders, $6.997; running expenses, $35,200; missionary collections, $23,937, divided as follows: Church extensions, $2,067; Sunday-school Union, $415; Tract Society, $408; Freedman's Aid, $1,255; Education, $1.152; Conference Academy, $1,024; Bible Society, $599; foreign missions, $1.402; home missions, $1.-951; Episcopal fund, $1.460; conference claimants, $5,746; General Conference expenses, $814; domestic missions, $946; chartered fund, $22; Book Concern $1.-380.

FAVORS WOMAN AND PROHIBITION.

The Conference decided strongly in favor of admitting women as lay delegates to the General Conference, 109 for and 17 against. The members of the Conference pledged themselves to work for the abolition of the liquor traffic. Rev. Alfred Smith, a recognized champion and leader of the prohibition movement on the pennsula, offered resolutions pledging the minsters to work for the election of such men for delegates to the Constitutional Convention, as will favor a prohibitory clause being inserted in the new Constutions of this state. The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Rev. B. F. Price, for 62 years an active minster, was given a superannuated relation. A special collection, amounted to nearly $100, was taken for his benefit.

The relations of J. D. Kemp and Wm. Chairs were changed from supernumerary to effective.

METHODIST HOSPITAL.

The report of the Methodist Hospital, in Philadelphia was heard with interest. During the year twenty-five patients from the Wilmington Conference had received 600 days' treatment, costing not less than $900, while the contribution from this territory was only $110. Dr. Martindale, who presented the report, made a speech and appeal for larger contributions. He also suggested that this conference should endow a bed or two in the hospital. The Rev. W. L. S. Murray made a few remarks and on the motion of the Rev. A. S. Mowbray it was decided to have a special contribution for the hospital in the statistics.

Bishop Warren was given a rising vote of thanks for the pleasure and instruction he has given the conference in his morning lectures on "The Verbal Felicities and Intensities of the Bible."

Monday night the missionary anniversary was celebrated. Mr. Thomas Mallelieu was chairman. A. G. Cox, conference missionary treasurer, made his annual report. Rev. Dr. A. B. Leonard, secretary of the general society, made an address on the work of the society, and made a plea for the liquidation of the society debt. Conference agreed to take a special collection for that purpose in all the churches Easter day or soon after. After hearing the appointments read by the Bishop Conference adjourned at noon on Tuesday to meed at Chestertown, Md., next year.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure manufactured by F. J. Chenney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. Chenney & Co., Toledo, O.
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A party of traveling men were talking about phonographs as they sat about the hotel fire. "I heard an amusing story about an old farmer the other day," said one of them.

"Interest always attaches to the doings of the agricultural classes," said the Englishman, hitching up his chair with a look of interest.

"The farmer had just driven into town with his mules to sell a load of pumpkins and stopped in front of the phonograph store.

"'What air them fellows doin' in there with spouts in their ears?'' he asked.

"'Those are talking machines,' answered a man in the doorway.

"The farmer was a little incredulous, but finally left his mules and went in. The tubes were placed in his ears, he dropped the nickel in the slot and a brass band began to play.

"'Whoa, there!" shouted the rustic, darting out of the store. 'Them mules o' mine won't stand no brass band.''

At first the Englishman looked anxious, as if he expected to hear the rest of the story. Then suddenly he burst out laughing.

"Great joke on the mules, eh?" he shouted.

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One-half of all the newspapers published at present in the world are printed in the English language. Of the 40,000 newspapers estimated as being published in the world, more than one-third (15,000) are published in the United States. England with all her vast Empire, publishes only one-eighth, 5,000.

Our Woman's .....Column

HE discontent of working women is understandable, but it is a wide jump from the woman discontented about her work or wages to the woman discontented about her political position. Of all the shrill complainers that vex the ears of mortals there are none so foolish as the women who have discovered that the Founders of our Republic left their work half finished, and that the better half remains for them to do. While more practical and sensible women are trying to put their kitchens, nurseries and drawing rooms in order, and to clothe themselves rationally, this class of discontents are dabbling in the gravest National and economic questions. Possessed by a restless discontent with their appointed sphere and its duties, and forcing themselves to the front in order to ventilate their theories and show the quality of their brains, they demand the right of suffrage as the symbol and guarantee of all other rights.

This is their cardinal point, though it naturally follows that the right to elect contains the right to be elected. If this result be gained, even women whose minds are not taken up with the things of the state, but who are simply housewives and mothers, may easily predicate a few of such results as are particularly plain to the feminine intellect and observation. The first of these would be an entirely new set of agitators, who would use means quite foreign to male intelligence. For instance every favorite priest and preacher would gain enormously in influence and power; for the ecclesiastical zeal which now expends itself in fairs and testimonials would then expend itself in the securing of votes in whatever direction they were instructed to secure them. It might even end in the introduction of the clerical element into our great political council chambers—the bishops in the House of Lords would be a sufficient precedent—and a great many women would really believe that the charming rhetoric of the pulpit would infuse a higher tone in legislative assemblies.—Mrs. Amelie E. Barr.

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The restless spirit of the age that seems to have taken possession of old and young alike in horribly wearing to one who was brought up to believe in staid institutions, almost immovable chairs, pictures and tables in a house that stood for years and years in the same spot, and the potency of the axiom that a rolling stone gathers no moss. Though time has educated us to a more liberal view, as far as the furnishings of the house is concerned, we cannot become accustomed to the case with which people gather up the household goods, and decamp perhaps to an abode only two doors away. We heard but recently of a young couple who have lived in four different houses in two years. The latest change is to be made to a house with a porch for the sake of a the baby; probably after the baby fails off the porch a few times they will move to a tent, also for the sake of the baby.

It seems perfectly horrible that you can hire a house from month to month. A year's lease is bad enough, but this month to month existence must destroy all home feeling. How can you get to love your surroundings when they don't surround you long enough for you to know or care whether you are in Philadelphia or Greenland? An old saying probably originated by some thriftless individuals, is that "It is cheaper to move than to pay rent." Well, even that is a fallacy. You have to pay to move, and surely it does not do your belongings any good to be dragged hither and you, subject to the rough handling of men who do not care whether it is a mirror or a feather bed they throw on the sidewalk.

Where does ambition have a chance for growth in these frequent transitions? Husband and wife ought to live in their own home, bought by their savings, if possible, if not their own, at least as much as a yearly renewed lease can make it. This is the only way individuality can stamp itself on environment. What comfort is there in thinking of a home that means a dozen different houses? Such life is "shiftless," to use a good old new England term, and it is to be regretted that there are features of nineteenth century enterprise that bring it so easily within reach.

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RECIPES.

Hickory-nut macaroons.—One cup nuts, powdered in a mortar; one cup sugar, whites of two eggs, two table spoons flour; drop on greased paper and bake.

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Cocoanut Jumbles.—One cocoanut, grated; one and one-half cups sugar, half cup butter, whites of four eggs, four tablespoons flour; bake on greased papers.

Weary Watkins—They ain't no use to call this a free country as long as a man kin be fined fer workin on Sunday. It hadn't ought to be done. Don't you think so?

Hungry Higgins—Leastways, not no more than fer workin' on weekdays.

The Kettle.

There's many a house of grandeur,
With turret, tower and dome;
That knows not peace or comfort,
And does not have a home.
I do not ask for splendor
To crown my daily lot,
But this I ask—a kitchen
Where the kettle's always hot.

In my Aunt Hattie's household,
Though skies outside are drear,
Though times are dark and troubled,
You'll always find good cheer.
And in her quaint old kitchen—
The very homeliest spot—
The kettle's always singing,
The water's always hot.

And if you have a headache,
Whate'er the hour may be,
There is no tedious waiting
To get your cup of tea.
I don't know how she does it—
Some magic she has caught.
For the kitchen's cool in summer,
Yet the kettle's always hot.

Oh there's naught else so dreary
In household kingdom found
As a cold and sullen kettle
That does not make a sound,
And I think that love is lacking
In the hearts in such a spot,
Or the kettle would be singing
And the water would be hot.

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And finds too late her health gives way,
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Mr. Moneybags—"That's all right. I was afraid he wanted to start a newspaper."

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Mrs. Blossom—I dreamed last night I was, in Heaven.

Mr. Blossom—What was it like?

Mrs. Blossom—An immense dry goods store, and I didn't have to do anything but shop. And, oh, Joe, you should have seen the bargain counter! Why, they had goods marked at 98 cents that would cost a dollar here.

She—Why does a women take a man's name when she marries him?

He—Why does she take everything he's got?

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Husband—"Here they have brought me an account for a ball costume; how is that?" Wife—"Oh! don,t you remember? It is for the green dress I wore last year at the ball where we first met."

Husband—"S-o-o-o! and now I am expected to pay for for the net with which I was caught!"

Washington .....Letter

DAY spent with Republican Senators and Representatives, trying to ascertain which of the Presidential candidates is the ranking favorite in Congress, has convinced me that the average man, in or out of Congress, always sees future political events as he hopes they will be. The McKinley men will not admit that any other candidate for the nomination is really in the race. Many of them claim his nomination on the first ballot, nearly all of them not later than the third. The Reed men are quite as confident that the Speaker is bound to win. The Allison men claim that they hold the balance of power and that after there has been a sufficient number of ballots taken to show that neither McKinley nor Reed can win that Allison will be nominated with a hurrah. The Morton and the Quay men are not saying much, except that they are playing a waiting game and expect to win, while the Cullom men, the Manderson men and the friends of several other candidates say just wait; this is going to be a dark horse campaign, and our man's chances are as good as those of anybody else.

Those Cuban resolutions have now been before Congress for four weeks, and while it is expected that they will be disposed of this week, there is nothing certain about it. If Senator Morgan's joint resolution for the recognition of the belligerency of the Cubans had come to the Senate through the committee on foreign relations it might be adopted, but the Senate very seldom ignores its committee report, in favor of accepting the House resolutions as a substitute for those originally adopted by the Senate.

If ecretary Lamont intends to remain in politics for the purpose of becoming Democratic candidate for Governor of New York, as many believe, he made a great mistake when he wrote that letter attacking Gen. Nelson A. Miles, by imputation, if not directly, in order to prevent Congress passing the bill providing for a revival of the grade of Lieutenant-General of the Army for Gen. Miles. Already it must have become manifest to Secretary Lamont that he has stirred up a regular hornet's nest. Gen. Miles has many friends especially among the old soldiers, and they have already begun to take steps towards heading off any political aspirations Secretary Lamont may have.

Nearly all the answers received to to the circular letter sent out by the House Ways and Means Committee to importers and manufacturers interested in the export trade strongly favor a renewal of the reciprocity treaties abrogated by the Democratic tariff bill passed by the last Congrees. This week the Committee will devote to verbal hearings on the subject. It is almost certain that the result will be a bill providing for a renewal of the reciprocity treaties, but there is not much probability that such a bill will become a law until after a Republican President takes his seat.

From London Congress gets undoubtedly authentic information that Secretary Olney and Lord Salisbury have resumed the Venezuelan negotiations just where they were brought up to the Monroe doctrine communication, but at the State Department in Washington, neither Congressmen or newspaper men can get a word about what is being done. It may have occured before, but your correspondent does not remember to have heard what our state department was doing in important, international matters for the first time by way of the European cables until the Cleveland administration came in with its mysterious policy and dark lantern methods of conducting public business. It has been the rule during the last three years to find out what our government was doing through the published utterances of officials in foreign capitals.

Those who have anything to say either for or against the Nicaragua Canal will be given a chance to be heard before the House committee on Interest and Foreign Commerce decides what sort of a report shall be made. These hearings will begin this week.

Secretary Corlisle hasn't made any friends by his letter to the Senate committee on Public Buildings and Grounds opposing the joint resolution providing for the erection of a bronze statue of Gen. Spencer, formerly U. S. Treasurer, on one of the approaches or butresses of the Treasury building. And he wasn't satisfied with opposing the resolution as it now is but added that there was no place for the statue in the grounds attached to the Treasury building. Gen. Spinner was a popular official, and the money to pay for this statue was raised by popular subscriptions. But he was also a Republican.

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BOSS AND BOSSEE.

The Rev. Vaughan S. Collins has many admirable qualities. One of them is, he is a man of convictions and is not afraid to give them utterance. No fear of the bishop's displeasure or of offending the presiding elders deterred him from offering and advocating the following resolutions at the Wilmington Annual Conferences which adjourned in Dover this week:

"That no pastor be appointed to a charge by a bishop without the concurrent vote of a majority of the presiding elders.

"That the annual conference should annually nominate the presiding elders"

This is a step in the right direction. It means to remove the absolute power of the bishop and put it in representative hands, primarily in the hands of the men who are the most interested—the preachers themselves. Mr. Collins showed how completely the preachers are now in the hands of the presiding elders who receive their appointments from the bishop in the statement that of 210 delegates elected to the General Conference at the fall conferences but 98 were preachers. The Wilmington Conference follows in the same line. Of the four delegates elected three are presiding elders. And it has been ever thus. The men who are elders by the favor of the bishops, when the General Conference comes around are elected delegates by the preachers, and as the elders pass out of the office other men pass in and become delegates. Why do the preachers elect the elders? The elders make the appointments by and with the consent of the bishops, and so on the circular chain is formed.

Mr. Collins is quoted on our first page as saying "the Methodist preacher is the most bossed man on earth." The gentleman forgot the average Methodist layman. He has absolutely no say, no put, in church affairs—except to pay his money. The quarterly conference governs the local church and it is a self-perpetuating body by and with the consent of the pastor. This conference fixes the salary and the preacher fixes the nominations in the conference, and thus this circular wheel of which the pastor is the "bishop" and the "official brethren" are the "elders" "bosses" the outside layman and laywoman in the church. The preacher may be "bossed" in the annual conference but he becomes a "bossee" within his own church, and while the preacher has a boss, the people have a boss and a bossee. The Methodist Episcopal Church has lost the influence and the aid of many a good man, because of this system. We are glad to say the system is seldom abused; the fault is more in the machinery itself than in the running of it. Mr. Collins denied that he meant any reflection on the bishops or their Cabinets, neither did he; nor do we on the pastor and the "official brethren." It is the boss system that we both object to rather than the boss. Bosses or leaders are necessary in every movement and in every cause. The question is as to the limitations of their power.

But we see some good sister and some weak brother who has been in leading strings so long that his nerves are very shaky, hold up their hands in horror at such rebellion against church rule and church authority. We might defend our right to do this, but it is easier to point to Rev. Vaughan S. Collins as the champion for greater liberality and freedom in church government, nor do we believe that he would stop with the changes that he proposed in the late session of conference but that he would go further and take the people into his plans of more democratic ideas. At least as one of the people we can say what is good for the pastor should be good for the people, so pass the dish a little further that all may be partakers thereof.

This is a serious question deserving the consideration of Methodist congregations as well as the officials. In too many churches one or two men because of their wealth or from other considerations, usually monetary, obtain almost dictatorial power and as a consequence the church suffers and the people suffer. Every man of experience and observation knows this to be true. Every preacher in the Wilmington Conference could with name and place point to one or more examples of this kind. What is the remedy and how can it be applied? If the "boss" is to go why not the "bossee?" The columns of the TRANSCRIPT are open.

"ALL the Republicans in Sussex county are for Major McKinley for President" said a prominent Georgetown politician to a representative of the TRANSCRIPT on Thursday. If one may judge from the reports that are coming in from all parts of the country, he might have added "all the Republicans of the country are for him," and it is presumable that Delaware will be in line. McKinley had friends in the last Delaware Delegation in National Convention and it is evident that his connection with the name of Protection, the watchword of Republicanism, is a tower of strength to him in this friendly contest for the nomination, a contest among strong and able men, any of whom would make a good and safe President, and as we believe under a protective policy would restore prosperity to our people.

A GREAT many Republicans think it would have been in far better taste had Representative Willis not voted one way and talked another on the resolutions of censure passed by the House of Representatives on Ambassador Bayard's speech. The TRANSCRIPT is of that opinion. It is inconsistent to say so many disparaging things of a man and then refuse to censure him because of "State pride."

"INDEPENDENT DEMOCRACY."

"Another object lesson of Republican inability and self destructive greed has passed into history by the adjournment of the infamous Kentucky legislature. Weeks of wrangle and strife, almost bloodshed have marked its turbulent session and at last it has adjourned without having elected a successor to Senator Blackburn or accomplished any thing else except to disgust the people of Kentucky with the experiment of putting their affairs into the impotent hands of the Republicans."—*Sussex Countian.*

The above is from "The organ of Independent Democracy," as announced at the head of its editorial columns. In the name of the hundreds of honest and conscientious Democrats we protest that such base misrepresentation should be made in their name. Every intelligent man who reads truthful newspapers knows that the Legislature of Kentucky on joint ballot had an equal number of Republicans and Democrats with two Populists holding the balance of power, one inclining to the Republicans and the other to the Democrats. The Republicans agreed in caucus on a nominee and every Republican voted for that nominee but they could not get the two Populist votes and of course did not expect the votes of Democrats. Senator Blackburn got the caucus nomination of the Democrats but he is a radical silver man and the honest-dollar Democrats refused to vote for him, bolting the caucus. Had the Democrats united on Blackburn he could have gotten the Populist votes and been elected. Election was never possible with the Republicans. At the last the allies of Senator Blackburn took possession of the State House and being armed to the teeth determined that an election should not take place. Governor Bradley called out the militia to preserve the peace. No honest man of any party will deny the accuracy of our statement. Then how in the name of decency and truth can any man make such a statement as the one we quote above? And it is made in the name of "Independent Democracy!" For shame!

It would not be worth while to contradict this statement or to notice it except that the editor is an official of the Democratic Party. He is the clerk of the House of Representatives, the same that states that he knowingly misprinted his journal which shows that Gov. Watson took no part in the Senate proceedings and then swore that he knows that Gov. Watson did vote, &c, he, the clerk, the writer of the above quotation, failing to record his vote, &c. We ask any fair-minded man what such an oath is worth in view of the above article and the facts as they are known to intelligent men?

What is the object to be gained? To prejudice the minds of those who have not the means of knowing the truth, to impose upon their ignorance and honesty, and to further embitter them against their neighbors who believe they are doing the best thing in upholding the Republican Party. It is to create party prejudice that the *Sussex Countian* stoops to such misrepresentation. It will not undertake to defend it. It will abuse the TRANSCRIPT and nothing more. Our readers shall have its answer.

But again we wish to protest against such an article in the name of "Independent Democracy!" There are hundreds and thousands of honest and truthful Democrats and not one of them would sanction the above quotation, and it is an outrage on them and the principles that they represent for any man to commit such an offence in their name. Honest Democrats, Independent Democrats of the better class, can find reasons for their faith without resorting to base misrepresentation. The TRANSCRIPT protests in the name of its many Democratic readers and says to the *Countian* that if it desires to have the good opinion of honest men of all parties it must sin no more, going in peace this time.

FRANCHISE AND POLL TAX:

No conscientious man can observe the workings of the assessment and manipulations of the poll tax in this State as it effects the right of franchise and defend it. The honest man who defends it does so because he does not know its operations. It may be abused through all stages from the assessor to the final board of registration. Ninety-nine men whose duty it is to operate some part of the law may do their work honestly and fairly, and the hundredth man will use his office to disfranchise his political opponents, and the honesty of all of the ninety-nine who passed fairly upon the right of their fellow citizens to a vote is nothing, for the men lose their votes by the acts of the one dishonest man. No law is a good law that permits such outrages.

So far as the duty of every man to help pay the expenses of government is concerned that is all right. Every man should do that, but it should not be used as a barrier to the right of men to vote. It puts the reins of government in the hands of one party, the party that is in power to perpetuate its rule and misrule, and not only that but in the hands of the most reckless element of that party. Not only have not the adherents of the opposite political party any put but the honest men, the fair men, in the ruling party, have but little or no voice. The details of the methods have been given so often and incidents have been cited that they need no repetition to prove the force of our argument.

We were at the Court House in Wilmington this week and saw something of the annoyance to which Republicans are put to get assessed. In the first place it will be noted that only Republicans are put to this trouble. In some way Democrats are always assessed. We do not mean that an honest Democratic assessor may not leave off a few Democrats unintentionally as he may leave off a few Republicans but those Democrats in some way find, or are shown, an easy way to get assessed. The Republican finds the road to the assessment a rough and tedious one. Previously we believe in this county the Deputy Clerk of the Peace has been allowed to administer the oath necessary in vouching for assessment. Now for some reason not explained, presumably political and not explainable, only the Clerk of Peace may administer the oath. This necessitates that he be in his office all the time and is a hardship to him, or the men who come before the Court to be assessed must wait for his return and in the meantime the Court adjourns. The would-be voter and his voucher are sent home to return again at an expense and a loss of time that is a hardship. This is the law or the Democratic interpretation, and it has been suffered for twenty-three years and through its manipulations the party in power has ruled for twenty-three years.

Just at this point in our writing the mail comes in and we find therein an unsigned poster offering a reward of $2500 dollars for the Clerk of the Peace of Kent County. The circular says: "He is wanted at the office of the Levy Court of Kent county to perform his duty in qualifying patriotic citizens who desire the assessment of their names to enable them to contribute their share to the Treasury of the County which is empty." This may be a joke or it may be true. We do not remember that Mr. Dickson has ever been accused of absenting himself from the Levy Court when men were seeking assessment, though he may. We shall gladly state that this is a joke of some friend, perhaps sent out as a mark of distinction from the conduct of Clerk Houston of Sussex county who runs away at every opportunity to deprive Republicans of their votes, if such is the case. If it is not, and Mr. Dickson has joined in the disgraceful attempts to disfranchise he shall receive the most severe censure at our hands. We believe in absolute fair play and will do no one a willing injustice, but we believe with Gen. Dix that the man who attempts to haul down the American flag (to deprive a citizen of his vote) should be shot upon the spot.

Of the Clerk of the Peace of Sussex county the "Sussex Republican says: "We say that E. W. Houston absented himself from his duties, two years ago—for which duties he is paid handsomely by the county—to attend the funeral of the wife of the cousin of his wife's first husband, and then when he returned to his duties, the Levy Court ran away in their turn, keeping scores of citizens off the lists, increasing the tax rate, increasing the county debt, delaying public improvements, destroying public credit, and thereby injuring the people both at home and abroad."

And Mr. Houton is again absenting himself. This is an outrage on the people, not on Republicans alone, but on the people who must pay the taxes re presented by those whose taxes the county is thus deprived of.

There remains but three days now for men to get assessed to vote in November. No one can be put on the assessment, not legally, after the 31st day of March. Are you assessed? If not go to the county seat with a voucher who is a freeholder and take the family Bible to testify to your age.

The Milford *Chronicle* of yesterday under the caption "Political Thieves" says that the Sussex Levy Court adjourned *sine die* on Wednesday with fifty men clamoring to be put on the assessment lists. The court was in session an hour and a half on Monday, two hours on Tuesday and twenty-five minutes on Wednesday. The court stands six Republicans, seven Democrats and a Democratic clerk. The Republican members were powerless to act. The *Chronicle* says:

"The court finally adjourned in a row without making any allowances, fixing the tax rate, or doing anything more than robbing fifty so-called freemen of their right of suffrage."

The *Chronicle* says Clerk Dickson of Kent county has been playing the same game of absenting himself to deprive men of their votes. Anywhere from 200 to 500 men are deprived of their votes in this way, enough to carry a close election in every county. Is it honest? Is it fair?

THE TRANSCRIPT wishes to emphasize the fact that it favors a non-partisan convention; that it opposes a bi-partisan convention. How can the two be divorced? Who are the men that our friends, the enemy, who favor such a convention, would put forward as delegates? That is very important. Men represent ideas or they should. To nominate a lot of old politicians in the name of non-partisanship would be suicidal. Who are the men?

But more important than their personality is what do they represent, what do they favor in the way of changes in a constitution? They should know their position and the people should be informed. How ridiculous would be the situation of fifteen Republicans standing for the abolishment of the poll tax or such a modification of it as to destroy its power to decide elections before the vote is cast, and of fifteen Democrats determined to maintain that feature substantially as it is now! What would be the result? We should have no change, for to take affirmative action would require more than fifteen votes in a body of thirty. Would it not be foolish to set up a 15 to 15 vote on such a vital question? It would compare with the "two-two puzzle" that has perplexed our Superior Court, or was it the Court of Oyer and Terminer where the lives of men hang in the balance? In a convention of 15 to 15 Delegates the liberty, if not the lives of the people would be subject to partisan treatment, bi-partisan it may be, but the result would probably be a defeat of the will of the people and the continuance of ring and family rule. This would be the result of a bi-partisan convention.

But how about a non-partisan convention? That depends on the men and what they represent. Let us hear from the advocates of a non-partisan convention. Who are the men for such a convention? What are their views on constitutional changes? Certainly rational men are not expected to vote for political opponents of whose views on this the most important matter that has come before the people of Delaware for nearly a half century, they know nothing! The TRANSCRIPT is in favor of a non-partisan convention but it must know the views of the men who are to be the delegates, and those views must be given now else there can be no committing of men to such an idea.

A prominent Republican politician of Sussex said this week that the "Court House Ring" does not hesitate to declare itself against a convention but since one must be held they favor a bi-partisan one. Their intention is apparent. Being no longer able to defeat the holding of a convention they propose to control it by a 15 to 15 vote. Why should friends of a new constitution walk into such a trap as that? They will not. Then the advocates of a non-partisan convention can only advance their cause by naming their men, in prospective, and let those men give the people their views on changes. This is fair; it is honest. A 15 to 15 vote in the dark is unfair and we fear it would be dishonest. Let it be a non-partisan convention in reality.

CHESAPEAKE CITY.

Miss Helen Clayton, of near Middletown was the guest of Miss Alma Bouchelle part of this week.

Miss Helen Price, of Middletown, was the guest of Miss Evelyn Kibler at her home near St. Augustine, this week.

Miss Elsie E. Karsner has returned from pleasant visit to Mrs. Edwin Graves of Marietta, Pa.

Rev. Charles Davidson spent Monday and Tuesday of this week in Baltimore.

Stanley Steele, of University of Maryland, is at his home for a few days.

Miss Rhetta Burris, of Felton, Del., is the guest of Miss Daisy Jones, near St. Augustine.

Dr. Harry L. Clayton, of Middletown, was the guest of Edgar Ellison a part of this week.

A large number of our citizens went to Elkton during this week to be present at the trial of James Harry Truss, held for the murder of Capt. Camp, of Goshen, N. J.

Miss Alma Bouchelle entertained a number of friends at "whist" on Tuesday evening. Those present were, Misses Mary Ellison, Florence Egee, Helen Clayton, Evelyn Kibler, Hattie Morgan and Helen Price of Middletown; Messrs. Stanley Steele John M. Reed, Jr., Julian Clayton, Groome Steele, Frank and Harry Howard and Harry Kibler.

The Monday Evening Club held its regular meeting in the Mason's lodge room on Monday evening. An interesting program had been arranged by the executive committee and was enjoyed by all present. It was as follows: Piano Solo, "Shall we know each other there," variations, Miss Hattie Morgan; Reading, Selection, Dr. Delmar Smithers; Vocal Solo, "Sail Ho," Miss Sallie Barwick; Recitation, "Young Lochinvar," Miss Alice Perry; Vocal Solo, "My lover will come to-day," Mrs. Lou Hetz; Trio, Banjo, Mandolin, and Guitar, "Moonlight Serenade," Miss Alma Bouchelle, Harry Bouchelle and William Alexander; Song contest by members of club; after which Mrs. Lou Hetz as Mrs. Almira Pease exhibited her family album.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Thirteen miners were killed by an explosion of gas in the Berwind-White shaft, at Dubois, Pa., on Monday.

It is said that Poet-Laureate Austin is contemplating resigning because of the annoying criticisms upon his official verse.

Thomas Hughes, author of the famous series of Rugbby books, Tom Brown's School Days, etc., is dead, at the age of 73.

Chauncey Depew, ex-Gov. Flower and Bishop Potter received 32nd degree in Masonry the other day in New York, and it took all day and half the night to get through with it.

At a meeting of Confederate Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy, at Atlanta, last week, a movement was started to make the birthday of Jefferson Davis, June 3, a legal holiday in the Southern states.

The National *W. C. T. U.*, at a meeting of the general officers, on Tuesday, decided not to hold the next National Convention in San Francisco, although that city had been previously decided upon. It is thought that St. Louis will be the favored place.

The Prohibitionists of Iowa have been making a vigorous protest against the use of wine at the christening of the new battle ship which bears the name of that state to be launched at the Cramps shipyards to-day. But the efforts of the temperance folks to secure the innovation will not avail. Mr. C.H. Camp the head of the Company, is strongly and rationally in favor of wine. He says: "I believe in destroying all the wine I can, and breaking bottles of the liquid upon the bows of newly built ships is a use for wine which the straightest laced prohibitionist should not object to."

MY MARYLAND.

Salisbury is to have a new city hall which will also be headquarters for the Fire Department. It is to cost $5,000.

The Maryland legislature will adjourn at noon on Monday, having been in session three months.

John Stump, father of Judge Frederick Stump, died on Saturday and was buried at Elkton on Tuesday. He was 92 years old.

The trial of James H. Truss, of Chesapeake, for the murder of Capt. Camp, began at Elkton on Tuesday.

Charles Stevens, a prominent citizen of Caroline County, died last week, at Denton aged 64 years. He was post-master o Denton under Presidents Grant, Hayes, Garfield and Arthur.

A Dorchester county man has sold 12,000 muskrat skins to a New York dealer, for 22 cents a piece.

The Republican State Central Committee has fixed the date for the state convention to be held in Baltimore April 22.

The Cecil County Fair this year will be held September 8, 9, 10, 11.

Chestertown is to have a new high-school

Mrs. Anna Cox Nicholson, an old resident of Centreville, died on Wednesday in her 84th year. She was the sister of Judge Emory, of Queen Anne's county.

FROM OLD SUSSEX.

Mrs. A. M. Willard, of Lewes, won one of the $10 prizes in the Philadelphia Inquirer's mystery story contest.

The frame annex of the Douglass House, Rehoboth, was destroyed by fire on Monday incurring a loss of about $1.000, partially covered by insurance.

County Constables.

The Levy Court on Wednesday elected the following constables for the county: Robert Williamson, Mill Creek hundred; Courtland F. Crockett, St Georges; William Weldon, Appoquinimink; John Lockerman, Blackbird; Moses Fleming, New Castle; Daniel Cush, Red Lion; Emil Walther, Pencader; Andrew J. Mote, White Clay Creek; Paul J. Bogan and James F. Porter, Christiana; William E. Husbands and John W. Greenfield, Brandywine; Henry R. Smith, Alfred S. Hurlock, William P. Windish and Thomas Reardon, Wilmington: Samuel H. Higgins was elected bridge tender at Odessa.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

Contrary to the rumors afloat last week, there were few changes made in the itinerant's homes on the peninsula at the recent conference at Dover, and the changes that were made were expected or desired by those concerned. It was a very harmonious and pleasant session. A synopsis of the preceedings is given on the first page. The following are the appointments.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT—LOUIS E. BARRETT P. E.

Wilmington.
Asbury—M. L. Gates.
Brandywine—Asbury Burke.
Cookman—John France.
East Lake and Elsmere—Supplied by J. H. Wiley.
Epworth—L. W. Layfield.
Grace—Merritt Hulburd.
Harrison Street—F. B. Short.
Kingswood and Edge Moor—J. E. Amos.
Madeley—G. F. Hopkins.
Mt. Salem—S. M. Morgan.
St. Paul's—W. L. S. Murray.
Scott—S. N. Pilchard.
Silverbrook—E. E. White.
Swedish Mission—F. Soderman.
Union—J. D. C. Hanna.
Wesley—W. W. Sharp.
Bethel and Summit, (Chesapeake City)—W. H. Benford.
Charlestown—T. H. Harding.
Cherry Hill—George P. Jones.
Chesapeake City—H. A. G. Westerfield.
Chester, (Booth's Corner)—Wilmer Jaggard.
Christiana—G. S. Conoway.
Claymont—Supplied by F. M. Dougherty.
Delaware City—H. S. Thompson.
Elk Neck—W. H. S. Loller.
Elkton—A. S. Mowbray.
Hockessin and Ebenezer—O. S. Walton.
Hopewell and Asbury, (Woodlawn)—J. D. Kemp.
Marshalton and Stanton—E. H. Collins.
Mt. Lebanon, (Rockland)—William P. Taylor.
Mt. Pleasant and Union, (Bellevue)—C. H. Williams.
Newark and Wesley—F. C. McSorely.
New Castle—V. S. Collins.
Newport—Julius Dodd.
North East and Boulden—W. A. Wise.
Perryville—G. H. Budd.
Port Deposit—H. W. Ewing.
Port Penn—Supplied by S. O. Gibbon.
Red Lion and Glasgow—W. O. De Venish.
Rising Sun and Sylmar—W. G. Koons.
Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant—supplied by W. E. Greenfield.
St. Georges—J. O. Sypherd.
St. John's, (Lewisville, Pa.)—Van P. Northup.
Zion—A. P. Prettyman.

DOVER DISTRICT—R. H. ADAMS, P. E.

Beckwith, (Connersville, Md.)—J. T. Van Burkalow.
Bridgeville—S. J. Morris.
Burrsville—Supplied by A. C. Jones.
Cambridge—W. J. Du Hadway.
Camden—I. G. Fosnocht.
Cannon—George E. Wood.
Church Creek—W. E. West.
Crapo—W. R. McFarlane.
Denton—Z. H. Webster.
Wesley, (Dover)—w. E. Avery.
Armory, (Dover), C. I. Stengle.
East New Market—J. P. Outten.
Ellendale—Supplied by J. R. Campbell.
Elliott's Island—Supplied by C. W. Clapham.
Farmington—F. J. Cochran.
Federalsburg—W. L. White.
Felton—D. F. Waddell.
Frederica—T. A. H. O'Brien.
Galestown—G. W. Bowman.
Georgetown—C. A. Grise.
Georgetown Circuit—J. A. Brewington.
Greenwood—E. H. Miller.
Harrington—Thomas E. Terry.
Hooper's Island—Supplied by H. E. Truitt.
Houston—W. E. Tomkinson.
Hurlock—T. F. Tabler.
Lakesville—G. P. Smith.
Leipsic—C. P. Futcher.
Lewes—D. H. Corkran.
Lincoln—T. S. Williams.
Little Creek—F. E. McKinsey.
Magnolia—E. H. Derickson.
Milford—T. E. Martindale.
Milton—W. T. Valiant.
Nassau—G. R. Neese.
Preston—J. M. Mitchell.
Salem—Supplied by Eben Welch.
Seaford and Bladesville—R. K. Stephenson.
Vienna—Supplied by L. T. McLain.
Williamsburg—D. H. Willis.
Williston—J. D. Reese.
Woodside—Supplied by C. B. Fisher.
Wyoming—J. E. Graham.
Zoar, (Georgetown)—Supplied by J. W. Talley.
P. H. Rawlins, agent of Stewards' Endowment Fund.

EASTON DISTRICT—ALFRED SMITH, P. E.

Bayside—To be supplied.
Cecilton—R. Irving Watkins.
Centreville—J. W. Easley.
Cheswold and Bethel—J. W. Fogle.
Chestertown—W. P. Compton.
Church Hill—J. H. Geoghegan.
Clayton—W. O. Hurst.
Cordova—E. S. Mace.
Crumpton—W. W. Chaires.
Easton—C. A. Hill.
Galena—Frank Fletcher.
Greensboro—J. A. Arters.
Hillsboro—F. F. Carpenter.
Ingleside—J. M. Collins.
Kent Island—E. H. Hynson.
Kenton—J. T. Prouse.
Marydel—C. F. Sheppard.
Middletown—I. L. Wood.
Millington—T. C. Smoot.
Odessa—E. P. Roberts.
Oxford—T. R. Van Dyke.
Piney Neck—William G. Chance.
Pomona—T. B. Cooper.
Queenstown—L. E. Poole.
Rock Hall—James Carroll.
Royal Oak—Edwin Gardner.
St. Michael's—G. W. Burke.
Salem and Union—J. B. Merritt.
Sassafras and Massey's—W. N. Conoway.
Smyrna—Adam Stengle.
Smyrna Circuit—W. R. Mowbray.
Still Pond—E. H. Nelson
Sudlersville—J. M. Lindale.
Talbot Circuit—J. F. Anderson.
Tilghman's Island—J. H. Wilson.
Townsend—Albert Chandler.
Trappe—Robert Roe.
Wye and Starr—C. K. Morris.

SALISBURY DISTRICT—WILBUR F. CORKRAN, P. E.

Asbuy, (Crisfield)—C. T. Wyatt.
Berlin—E. C. Atkins.
Bethel—D. F. McFaull.
Bishopville—Supplied by F. E. Bloxton.
Cape Charles—Warren Burr.
Chincoteague—J. H. Beauchamp.
Crisfield—J. P. Otis.
Deal's Island—H. S. Dulaney.
Delmar—G. W. Townsend.
Exmore—B. J. Gibbons.
Fairmount—C. S. Baker.
Frankford—J. S. Wickline.
Fruitland—W. E. Matthews.
Girdletree—H. C. Turner.
Gumboro—M. D. Nutter.
Holland's Island—James Conner.
Laurel—Robert Watt.
Marion—L. P. Corkran.
Millsboro—E. G. Eiswald.
Mt Pleasant, (Laurel)—W. H. S. Williams.
Mt. Vernon, (Widgeon)—W. F. Dawson.
Nanticoke—S. R. Maxwell.
Newark, Md.—Edward Davis.
New Church—To be supplied.
Onancock—Aloysius Green.
Parksley—D. J. Givan.
Parsonburg—C. W. Strickland.
Pocomoke City—E. C. Macnichol.
Pocomoke Circuit—Supplied by L. B. Kirby.
Powellville—Supplied by Baynard Wheatley.
Princess Anne—G. T. Alderson.
Quantico—M. R. Hackman.
Roxana—J. W. Gray.
St. Peter's, (Oriole, Md.)—G. L. Hardesty.
Salisbury—C. W. Prettyman.
Selbyville—Supplied by G. W. Hastings.
Sharptown—T. N. Given.
Smith's Island, (Ewell, Md.)—T. F. Beauchamp.
Snow Hill—R. T. Coursey.
Somerset, (Chance, Md.)—W. B. Guthrie.
Stockton—John Jones.
Tangier—C. P. Swain.
Westover—C. E. Hastings.
Whitesville—G. W. Bounds.

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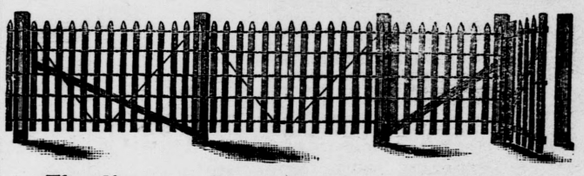

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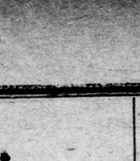

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Clover Seed, bus	5 50
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FARM FIELD AND GARDEN

POINTS IN ONION CULTURE.

Fertilizing the Crop—The New Method of Transplanting—Setting Plants—Varieties.

Onions will grow in almost any soil that is well filled with humus, possesses fertility and can be thoroughly drained. A rich, sandy loam is preferred. Endeavor to have the land free from stone, rubbish and foul weeds. Experienced growers claim that it is almost impossible to put on too much manure. Any good compost will answer. Many use poultry manure and ashes, applied as a top dressing, in addition to other manure. Soils which have previously been fertilized, as the one mentioned in the query, will produce a large crop with no other fertilizer than nitrate of soda. From 600 to 750 pounds per acre is sufficient, but that amount should be divided into two or three parts and applied at different times during the season. The onion manures which are advertised have also proved satisfactory as a fertilizer for such land. A top dressing of ashes, phosphate or other manure when bulbs are half grown is very beneficial.

Formerly it was the custom to sow the seed directly in open ground, where the crop was to come to maturity. Now many progressive growers sow seed under glass and transplant. It is claimed that onions will bear transplanting better than almost any other plants; that the crop matures several weeks earlier; that the yield is more satisfactory, and that the task of weeding is less difficult than when the seeds are sown in the field. It is absolutely essential that the seed be fresh. Three pounds of seed per acre is the amount usually sown, although a beginner can safely sow at the rate of four pounds. Where seed is sown directly in field it can usually be put in as soon as it is possible to get the ground in first class condition. Where sets are used they should be planted as early as may be without subjecting them to danger from frost.

In setting plants many crowd them as much as possible. Some place rows only 12 inches apart, while 16 inches is about the average distance. This precludes the use of a horse in cultivating. The usual way is to cultivate with wheel weeders and cultivators. For market purposes the favorite varieties are Yellow Danvers, Red Wethersfield and White Globe. These are all large and popular.—Ohio Farmer.

Good Mending Material.

A useful article recommended in the Iowa Homestead is made by thoroughly boiling waste paper and mixing with glue and plaster of paris or portland cement. It is a superior material with which to stop cracks and breaks in wood. It can be kept in a close stoppered bottle, and when required for use reduced to the consistency of gruel in hot water with plaster of paris added to make it slightly pasty and then use it at once. It is valuable for stopping leakage around water pipes of all kinds. It will stop the leaks in iron pipes if the water be shut off long enough to allow it to set. When used for this purpose, the empty pipe should be wrapped with a single thickness of cheesecloth just wide enough to cover the break and then apply the pulp, pressing it in place much after the fashion of a lead pipe joining, only larger, and then around this wrap a piece of muslin.

Where farms are provided with a water system bursting does sometimes occur, and it is usually a long distance to the plumber. A knowledge of this use for paper pulp may save many a plumber's bill. Paper pulp and fine sawdust boiled together for some hours and mixed with glue dissolved in linseed oil make a perfect filling for cracks in floors. It may be put on and left until partly dry and then covered with paraffin and smoothed with a hot iron.

Cowpeas In Connecticut.

Cowpeas have been grown by the Storrs station for the past seven years with satisfactory results. Professor C. S. Phelps reports that, where the crop has been grown on warm soils with a liberal quantity of mineral fertilizer, yields of from eight to ten tons have been obtained. This crop has furnished good feed during most of the month of September. Considerable experience with this valuable fodder plant leads Professor Phelps to recommend it for green feeding or for silage. Most seasons the crop may well be fed from about Sept. 1 to 20, or until injurious frosts occur. The yield one year was at the rate of eight tons per acre, while the next it gave 11 tons per acre. There are great differences in yield due to variety. The Clay variety is the best for fodder, sown in drills 2½ feet apart at the rate of 1 to 1¼ bushels per acre, about two weeks later than corn is usually planted.

Crimson Clover.

Mr. George T. Powell of Columbia county, N. Y., is an enthusiastic believer in crimson clover, as may be seen by the following extract from a paper read before the Western New York Horticultural society at its annual meeting:

Crimson clover is an annual; therefore it escapes about half the contingencies that confront the common red clover. No fad of recent years in either agriculture or horticulture has so much foundation in merit as this new nitrogen gatherer. The general and frequent failure of red clover during the last few years has turned everybody's attention to the crimson variety. Crimson clover has strong powers of vitality in its seed, germinating quickly and developing rapidly.

Success With Irish Potatoes.

Select land adapted to the crop, give it good culture and provide plenty of potash for plant food. Use for seed clean, smooth, fair sized tubers and cut not over two good eyes to the piece.

TOMATO CULTURE.

The Plan In Detail Practiced by a New York Market Gardener.

A Westchester county market gardener gives in Gardening the following account of his own experience with tomatoes. He says:

As soon as possible after the 15th of March I sow my tomato seed in a hotbed. I prefer sowing in rows about three inches apart, putting in plenty of seed. When they are up, they should be gone over and thinned to an inch between each plant. They should have as much air as possible without chilling them and not too much water. The object is to make them hardy and to keep them short, so that they may be the more safely transplanted. At the end of the first week in April a cold frame is prepared in as warm a spot as convenient, and into this frame the young plants are planted six inches apart each way. If the frame has been in use during the winter, simply digging it up and raking it over are sufficient. If a new frame, let the sashes stay on for a few days to warm it before planting. Before raking give a dressing of superphosphate, with a little nitrate of soda added, about half a pound of nitrate to four pounds of superphosphate, and this to every ten sashes, raked well in.

If the soil is damp, the plants will not need watering when transplanted. If they must be watered, then give as little as possible, keeping them close for a few days until they root again. If they have been well hardened in the hotbed, they will stand the change to a cold bottom without much suffering. In airing the cold frame care should be taken to close it up some time before the sun has left it, and as soon as the sun has gone and before the frame loses its heat cover up snugly with mats or hay or other material used for that purpose. When the plants are well established in the cold frame, give air on bright days and not too much water. The idea is to get a short, stocky plant, with three or four branches showing by the 1st of May. After that time the sashes can be removed during the day and put on toward evening for ten or twelve days, after which they may remain off for three or four nights.

After the 15th of May it is usually safe to set them out in this section. Broadcast a light dressing of manure, plow it in, harrow once and mark off the rows 4⅓ feet apart and the places for the plants 4⅓ feet asunder in the rows. Scatter a double handful of superphosphate and a tablespoonful of nitrate of soda for each plant. Set the plants in the soil down to the seed leaf. When they have made a strong start and begin to branch, keep them spread out evenly around, not allowing them to grow up in a clump, but giving sun and air a chance to reach the center. Do not tie up to stakes or prune. Keep the spaces between the rows worked until the plants cover all the ground. Plants grown in this way will lift with good balls of earth and can be easily set in the field.

Potash Salts.

Potash salts is the general name applied to a group of substances rich in potash that are mined about Stassfurt, Germany. The New England Homestead says: The cheapest form in the American market is kainit, finely ground, containing about 12 per cent of actual potash combined with sulphuric acid, so that 23 per cent of the mass is sulphate of potash. The next cheapest form in common use is muriate of potash, which contains 47 to 58 per cent of actual potash, according to grade, combined with muriatic acid or chlorine. The highest priced potash salt for fertilizing purposes is sulphate of potash, containing 50 per cent or more of pure potash united with about as much sulphuric acid. The sulphate appears to give rather better results than muriate on tobacco, potatoes, lettuce, etc., but on some soils not enough to warrant the extra cost. Potash salts are meeting a constantly increasing sale in America, where on most soils and for many crops an excess of potash proves to be necessary to profitable farming.

How Rural New Yorker Grows Corn.

Plow in spring as early as possible—a sod field preferred if one is after a large yield. Harrow until the surface is as fine as need be. We sow fertilizer (high grade complete) before the last harrowing. When we raised our great yield, we sowed fertilizer on one field twice, on another thrice—say, 500 pounds at first, 250 when knee high and 250 before the last cultivation. The seed is drilled in, the drills 4 feet apart, the kernels about 14 inches apart. It is well to plant thicker than this, and to leave the plants 14 inches apart after the first hoeing. The first cultivation may be rather deep, subsequent ones merely mellowing the surface. Hilling up is avoided. Our best yields have come from the Chester County Mammoth.

Permanence of Deep Drains.

In all northern localties underdrains should be put down to at least three feet in depth if a good outlet can be had. Shallow drains are soon washed out, or the frost penetrates to their bottom in severe weather and disarranges the tile or stone used as a waterway. We have frequently seen drains put down to a depth of 20 inches or two feet that after a few years would be worthless. We have dug and laid drains upward of 36 years ago that are yet in good condition. They were all three feet or more in depth.—American Cultivator.

Crimson Clover.

From the Delaware station comes the information that there are five varieties of crimson clover, Trifolium incarnatum. They differ in regard to the size of the plants and in hardiness. Four varieties produce crimson blossoms. The fifth differs in the color of the flowers, which are white. A liberal application of potash to the soil produces a great increase in the growth of crimson clover. The imported seed cannot be relied upon to give a satisfactory growth, and farmers in this state will not use it.

Chestnut Culture.

Chestnut culture is receiving increased attention. The possibilities of grafting improved varieties of chestnuts on seedling natives should be emphasized. It is better to graft the straight seedling chestnut than a sprout from an old stump. The trees grow faster and better, and a larger proportion of the grafts thrive. This may be done when the buds are swelling, while some prefer waiting until the leaves are out, says The New England Homestead.

EARLY POTATOES.

Thorough Pulverization of the Soil Required—Plant Deep.

Early home grown potatoes of good quality and fair size are in demand in most local markets. Not all potato soil is adapted for an early crop. Neither is all potato climate suitable for early maturity. The nature of the soil must be such that it admits of early tillage in the spring. The physical condition of the soil must be such that it generates and retains heat. It naturally suggests a soil that contains considerable sand. Such a soil must be rich in available plant food. If manure is applied in the spring, it must be well decomposed and in such mechanical condition that it can be easily incorporated with the soil. In many instances the application of stable manure in the spring for early potatoes is a positive injury of sod ground. The manure should be applied in the fall. A correspondent of Country Gentleman, who wrote the foregoing, is also authority for the following:

Wood ashes in conjunction with stable manure pay. The earlier the planting the better the soil should be prepared. When the temperature of the soil is between 30 and 40 degrees, plants cannot as readily obtain nourishment as when the soil is warmed to 60 degrees and upward. Hence the necessity of helping the plants by thorough pulverization. Early potato raisers are frequently baffled at this point—the ground is too wet when potatoes should be planted. If we have three or four days' clear weather, we can partly overcome this hindrance by using the cultivator or double shovel plow. Let the cultivator run about two inches deep the first time. This loose soil will soon dry out. Next cultivation, go deeper.

If we use an iron double shovel plow or a two horse cultivator, we can stir the soil as deep as with a two horse plow. By adopting this plan instead of using a breaking up plow the soil gradually dries out as the depth of the plowing progresses. The disk harrow or two horse cultivator could be profitably used even if we break the ground with a two horse plow. Work the surface soil as deep as these tools will stir it; then turn it over with the plow. Repeat the operation with cultivator and disk harrow. We then have not merely the surface well fined, but also that part the potato roots will occupy.

We take for granted that the early potato ground is to be followed with a second crop, either for market or furnishing feed for the domestic animals. If the second crop is to be planted before the potatoes are dug, this crop will partly regulate the distance of the potato rows. The size of the potato tops must also be considered. It is preferable, however, on account of double cropping to select a variety with small vines. Thirty-three by 33 inches is a good distance for the Early Ohio, used in some localities.

Shall we plant in check rows? For some second crops it is almost necessary. As far as the success of the potato crop is concerned we always get a better yield if we can cultivate both ways. After several years of dismal failure we learned that early potatoes should be planted deep. Furrow out to a good depth. Drop the potatoes with hand and cover with hoe.

Establishing a Permanent Pasture.

Sow in the spring, as early as possible after fitting the ground in a superior manner, two quarts of red clover, one of alsike and four of timothy. These may be mixed and sowed together. In addition sow one-half bushel of orchard grass, and if blue grass is not natural to the locality—that is, does not come in readily—then sow one-fourth bushel of blue grass (Poa pratensis) and one-fourth bushel of red top. These latter grass seeds weigh 14 pounds to the bushel and are difficult to distribute. It might be well to sow at right angles to the clover and timothy, sowing in lands not more than four paces per "cast." It would insure a better catch if some fine manure could be worked in the surface or if some commercial fertilizer containing a relatively high per cent of potash and a low per cent of nitrogen and phosphoric acid were applied before the last harrowing.—Country Gentleman.

Fertilizers For Cabbage.

Nitrogen fertilizers are the best fertilizers to promote rapid growth in cabbage plants, as in the cabbage leaf growth is very abundant. Such applications, therefore, as nitrate of soda, sulphate of ammonia and flesh meal are excellent. But good results may also be looked for from applying superphosphate, and indeed any of the unadulterated preparations that may be obtained from slaughter houses. The purely nitrogenous fertilizers should always be applied on the surface and after the plants are above ground; otherwise the soluble parts may pass down through the soil before the roots of the plants can take them up. The superphosphate may be applied very conveniently by strewing it over the surface of the ground just when preparing it to receive the seed, according to The Market Garden.

News and Notes.

The department of agriculture of Pennsylvania has decided that the use of preservative agents composed of boracic acid, salicylic acid, etc., is injurious to public health.

Strawberry plants should not have their winter blanketing of litter removed till growth begins.

Lettuce and radishes under glass are especially crisp and sweet and tender and as easily grown as outside.

The Florida Farmer makes this statement: It has been pretty well established that ground phosphate rock or "soft phosphate" is available for plant food only to a very limited extent and to but very few plants.

An Illinois farmer who grows potatoes under straw on the uplands says that the river bottoms are not adapted to straw potatoes.

Things That Are Told.

A good mixture for lawn grass: One-half bushel Kentucky blue grass, one-half bushel red top, four quarts timothy, one quart white clover, one quart alsike.

The fifty-sixth annual fair of the New York State Agricultural society will be held this year at Syracuse, during the week beginning Aug. 31.

The Connecticut Sheep Breeders' association will pay $10 for every dog caught killing sheep, or for every dog against which mutton murder can be proved.

There never was a better time to obtain seed of new and improved varieties at a low price.

Probably fewer bogus fertilisers are sold in Connecticut than in any other state. This is due to the experiment station.

The Crosby is certainly worthy the attention of all who seek to grow the peach in cold climates.

The Vermont Sugar Workers' association is credited with having done much during the last two years to establish the maple sugar trade in that state on a very firm footing.

Dr. Jurley is simply wrapped up in his profession.

I should say he was. Why, they do say that when he proposed to Madge Willoughby he never squeezed her hand once, but kept his thumb on her pulse all the time.

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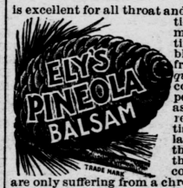

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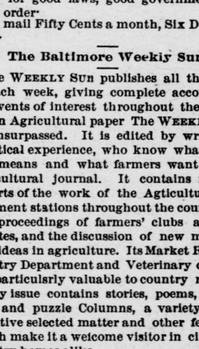

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Philadelphia	11 16	‡7 25	‡10 20	‡2 02	‡3 46	‡6:59
Baltimore	6 45	6 25	8 50	12 05	3.00	5:27
Wilmington	12 01	8 13	11.03	2.50	4 27	6:53
Farnhurst		f 8.22		f 2 58		
New Castle		8 27		3 03		7:06
State Road		f8 33		f 3.08		f 7:11
Bear		f8.38		f 3.13		7:16
Porter		8 45			4 51	7:23
Kirkwood		8.50	a11 33	f 3.22		7:28
Mt. Pleasant		8.59		f 3.31		f 7:36
Armstrong		f 9 03				7:40
Middletown	12.44	9 08	11.49	3.40	5 16	7:46
Townsend		9 17		f 3.48	5.25	7:54
Blackbird		f 9.22		f 3.52		f 7:59
Gr'n Spring		f 9.27		f 3.58		f8:05
Clayton	1.02	9 33	12 06	4.05	5.37	8:10
Smyrna...LV		9 23	11.56	3.52	5 27	8:00
Brenford		f9.38		f 4.10		f8:15
Cheswold		f9.43		f 4.15		f 8:21
Dupont				f 4.18		
Dover	1 20	9.54	12.22	4.25	5 56	8:31
Wyoming	a 1.27	10.01	f12 28	4 31	6.02	8:37
Woodside		f10 08		f 4 37		
Viola		f10 12		f 4.41		
Felton	a 1 40	10 17	f12 39	4.46	6.14	
Harrington	1.50	10 32	12.53	5.02	6.24	
Farmington		f10 40	a 1.00		f 6.32	
Greenwood		f10.48	a 1.07		f 6.40	
Bridgeville	a 2 14	10.56	f 1.15		6.49	
Cannons		f11 01			f 6.54	
Seaford	2.26	11 11	1 26		7.02	
Laurel	a 2.38	11 22	f 1 38		7.13	
Delmar	2.50	11.32	1 46		7.24	
		a. m.	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.	p. m.

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M.
Delmar	11.08			‡8 05	‡2 26	‡3.45
Laurel	f 1.21			8.15	2.36	3.56
Seaford	1.34			8 29	f 2 46	4.10
Cannons				f 8.37		f 4.18
Bridgeville	p 1.48			8 43	f 2 58	4.28
Greenwood				f 8.51		f